"I move that the business of the House be adjourned to discuss definite matter of urgent public importance viz, the situation created by the resignation of the Chief Engineer as a result of the passing of the cut motion on the P. W. D. grant. It was never meant as a vote of no-confidence in the Chief Engineer."

How is this motion admissible?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: It is not admissible under the rules.

PRESIDENT: Another adjournment motion is from Mr M. L. Janardanan Pillai.

"I beg to move an adjournment motion to discuss an urgent matter of public importance viz.; the statement made by the Additional Minister for Food to the Government of Madras on the 3rd August at the Madras Legislative Assembly that steps are proposed to be taken to import coconut to India from outside India"

This is a matter of the most profound importance and I consider it rather urgent and I have no hesitation in saying that the matter has to be discussed on the floor of the House We have throughout made it perfectly clear to the Government of India that until they have exhausted the possibilities of purchasing coconut from within India, which really means Malabar, Cochin and Travancore, they should not import coconut from outside. We put that matter very strongly before the Government of India and our main opponants have been the Bombay merchants. The Bombay merchants have been, right through bargaining with Ceylon and other places for the purpose of importing coconuts which were dumped into the country so much so that throughout the last 6 or 7 years whenever the question arose the opposition has come from business magnates, soap and organised interests in Bombay who have a pull with the Government of India and we have made it perfectly clear that it will produce great hardship to the western districts of the Madras Presidency, Cochin and Travancore, if imports from outside were allowed at the rate at which they have been allowed in the past. The answer has been that taking advantage of the scarcity of copra and coconut, the local merchants,—unfortunately not the producer because they are not organised on a co-operative basis—raised the price of coconut to such an extent that the Government of India has no alternative. We have been told more than once to reduce the price of coconut. Government have told the public that if they go on raising the price of coconut there is the likelihood that the price will come down tremendously because imports will be allowed from Phillipines and Ceylon.

What the Government apprehended has now come to pass. It is rather curious that the Honourable Minister for Food, who I believe is a resident of Malabar, Mr. Raghava Menon, whose district would suffer most, has made this kind of self abuegatory gesture on this matter.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: He is the Additional Food Minister.

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PRESIDENT: Probably Mr. Raghava Menon was not consulted before the other Minister made the announcement. (Laughter). One way or the other, it is either the height of self-sacrifice on the part of the member for Malabar or it is the need of India, which has brought about this position. At the same time, the position itself is rather serious. If imports are allowed from outside, there will be a sudden fall in the price of cocoanut and copra and the repercussions of it will be that people will not be able to purchase rice. The whole point has been put to the Government of India in this way, namely, that if the price of cocoanut and copra is reduced below a certain point, the average producer will not be able to pay very high prices which we are forced to levy for our food grains. I hope honourable members will make their own influence felt. I allow the adjournment motion. It will be taken up at 3·30 this afternoon.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

The Travancore Kammala (Viswakarma) Bill.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I move that the Bill as passed by the Council be taken into consideration. In doing so, I have only to remind this House that this Bill was under the consideration of the legislature for the last 12 years and after a period of 12 years, it has now come before this Assembly to get its final seal. I do not propose to go into the various clauses of the Bill or the benefits which are going to accrue to the community by this Bill. I simply discharge a duty in moving this Bill for the consideration of the House. Since it has been passed by the Council, I do so.

MR. M. L. JANARDANAN PILLAI: I support the motion moved by Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai. It has been pointed out that this Bill had been before the House for the last 12 years and I think it is time for this House to give serious consideration and have this Bill passed.

MR. N. VELU ACHARI (*Co-opted*): ഈ ബിൽ സമുദായത്തെ ഭിന്നിപ്പിക്കാൻ പര്യാപ്തമായതുകൊണ്ടും സമുദായത്തിനു അതു ദോഷം ഉണ്ടാക്കുമെന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടും തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ വിശ്വകർമ്മസമുദായത്തെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്ന ആർട്ടിസൻസ് അസോസിയേഷൻ മീറ്റിംഗുകൂടി സഭയിൽ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഒരു പെറ്റിഷൻ എഴുതി എന്നെ ഏല്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. സ്റ്റാൻറിംഗ് ആർഡർ സെക്ഷൻ നാല് പ്രകാരം ഈ പെറ്റിഷൻ സഭയിൽ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. ഈ സഭയിൽ അതു വായിക്കാൻ സെക്രട്ടറി അവർകളെ അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതാണു.

Hon'ble SECRETARY:

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